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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUB: SEVERE SHELLING INCIDENT IN CAILAY DISTRICT TOWN

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FOL TEL FRM AMCONSUL CAN THO RECEIVED ON MARCH 11, 1974

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SUB: SEVERE SHELLING INCIDENT IN CAI LAY DISTRICT TOWN

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AT 1455 HOURS MARCH 9 ONE ROUND OF 82MM MORTAR INTO AN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ABOUT FIFTY YARDS FROM CAI LAY DISTRICT
HEADQUARTERS. THE ROUND EXPLODED AS PUPILS WERE LINED UP FOR
THE SECOND SESSION OF THE DAY. TWENTY-FOUR PUPILS WERE KILLED
ON THE SPOT AND TWO OTHERS DIED IN THE HOSPITAL. THIRTY-EIGHT
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SCHOOLCHILDREN WERE WOUNDED, AS WELL AS ONE TEACHER AND

TWO CIVILIANS STANDING AT THE SCHOOL GATE.

THE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED PUPILS WERE TAKEN TO SAIGON, THEIR
NUMBER IS NOT KNOWN.

REGION VI ICCS PERSONNEL FROM MY THO ARRIVED AT THE SITE FOR
INVESTIGATION THE FOLLOWING MORNING. THEY TALKED TO THE PARENTS
OF THE KILLED AND WOUNDED PUPILS AND TOOK PICTURES. WIGHT
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